



Senator Cory Gardner
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March 11, 2020

Dear Senator Gardner,

Thank you for your continued support of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Your recently proposed amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Interior, Environment, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill to provide full and permanent funding for LWCF for 2020 cements efforts made in 2019 when Congress permanently authorized LWCF but did not fully fund it. Full and permanent funding of LWCF will benefit millions of Americans on a daily basis in perpetuity.

The LWCF has historically been a bipartisan mission. It is because of Teddy Roosevelt's vision to start protecting our recreational opportunities, Dwight D. Eisenhower's instinct for conservation action, John F. Kennedy's commitment to the outdoors, and Lyndon B. Johnson's signing of LWCF into law that we as Americans now have the most extensive network of open spaces in the world to hunt, fish, hike, swim, and play.

The LWCF has provided funding to help protect some of Colorado's most special places including portions of the Bureau of Land Management-administered McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area (NCA), Dominguez-Escalante NCA, and Gunnison Gorge NCA. Funding of LWCF has ensured recreational access for a variety of outdoor activities within these public lands in western Colorado.

We are grateful for all the work that you do to support our public lands.

Sincerely,

Sarah McCall
Executive Director
Colorado Canyons Association